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photo by Richard Westlund

CHINOOK'S EDGE

Board will apply for new Didsbury High School

by Richard Westlund

Plans for a new high school in Didsbury could be in the works after recommendations were made to the Chinook's Edge School Board, by Alberta Infrastructure, at a Feb. 11 meeting.

Superintendent Jim Gibbons and Board Chair Roy Brassard met with Alberta Infrastructure Minister Ty Lund to address funding shortfalls on two modernization projects at two Didsbury schools.

Gibbons, at the Feb. 12 regular board meeting, said the School Board learned at the meeting that a new high school would be considered for Didsbury because potential renovation costs exceeded 75 per cent of the cost to build new.

Although Didsbury High School and Ross Ford Elementary schools had received funding for modernization, both projects are still about \$1 million short to complete the work. Ross Ford was approved for \$2,058,800 worth of funding,

Didsbury High, \$3,124,000.

Ninety per cent of those funds were advanced, but once an architect was called in, it was determined both projects were still short funding.

Chinook's Edge will ask Alberta Infrastructure for permission to transfer part of the funds already allocated for the high school project to finish modernizations at the elementary school. With just over \$2 million still left for the high school project, the board will request an additional \$5,735,053

in new funding to build a replacement school with a capacity of 390 students.

Chinook's Edge School Division said they would sell the land the school sits on now and apply those funds to the cost of a replacement high school.

"We are extremely hopeful these projects will receive approval," said Brassard. "These projects have been at the top of our priority list in this Division for a long time. We'd like to be able to offer our Didsbury students and staff more mod-

ern and up-to-date facilities." Didsbury High School scored one of the highest Facility audit scores in the province in 1999. Brassard said he thinks that score will help Didsbury obtain a new high school.

"The audit score this school received means they will have to renovate it. Why would they renovate it when we can get a new school for less than \$1 million," Brassard added the audit score for Didsbury High School, was an embarrassment for the Alberta Government.



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EDUCATION

Cuts to school budgets will affect each one differently

by Carla Victor

An announcement to cut 1.5 per cent from school budgets could be a sign of worse times to come.

Chinook's Edge school board announced, Feb. 12, that schools in their division will need to cut spending by 1.5 per cent to keep next year's divisional budget balanced.

Superintendent Jim Gibbons said the division needs to find \$2.2 million in order to balance their 2003/2004 budget.

To accomplish this task, schools are expected to help by cutting approximately \$900,000 from their operating budgets.

A remaining \$1.3 million will be taken from, already depleted, division reserves which will make up the total shortfall expected - if there is no financial help given by the provincial government.

This will be the second budget, in two years, balanced by reserve funds, said Roy Brassard, chairman of Chinook's Edge school board. This method of budgeting is not sustainable, he said.

"We feel we have cut the reserve to the absolute minimum and the only alternative is to tell schools to plan for 1.5 per cent less," he said.

This planning will deplete reserve funds to approximately \$2 million, the bare minimum, said Brassard.

"We had a bit of a reserve last year, we dipped into that and we expect to do it again. A \$2 million reserve is really cutting it tight."

Reserve funds are used for emergencies and unexpected expenses such as special needs for students.

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CHINOOK'S EDGE

Division will join crime prevention task force

*Board appoints
assistant
superintendent to task
force*

by Richard Westlund

Chinook's Edge School Board nominated the division's assistant superintendent to be part of a task force to help prevent crime in central Alberta.

Shortly after listening to a presentation by Walter Kubanek, Red Deer's Chief Crown Prosecutor, about how new methods needed to be sought to curb crime in the area, the board put Pieter Langstraat's name forward.

The task force, which will meet for the first time in March, will discuss ways to address the issue of crime in a preventative way rather than reacting to it after it happens.

"I am suggesting that we do something at an earlier stage," said Kubanek. "Institutions like schools have the ability to address crimes that would never go to a court - like children under 12 years of age."

Kubanek said his goal is to have different governing bodies and public services come together to implement new ideas to address crime. He said the system that is in place now may be doing more harm than good.

Kubanek pointed to a Red Deer situation as an example. He said that when the city was having problems with public drunkenness in the downtown area they reacted to the situation by spending more money to have more officers patrolling the area. Kubanek argued that policing doesn't necessarily cut back on crimes and

instead displaces it.

"In the Red Deer case they moved on to a residential area," he said.

The coalition for crime prevention is already being supported by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the National Crime Prevention Strategy, said Kubanek, adding that partners should be willing to pool their resources to help address the issue.

Chinook's Edge trustees agreed

"Schools are one of the few places left where children are taught what is right and what is wrong. Many students only learn those lessons and that actions have consequences."

- Ian Taylor,
trustee

that school had a responsibility in helping to shape students as law-abiding citizens.

Chinook's Edge board chair Roy Brassard said students needed to be reached at a young age before it was too late.

"Sometimes by the time a student turns 12 the die is cast and it is hard to turn a student around."

Trustee Ian Taylor also recognized the important job a school must do.

"Schools are one of the few places left where children are taught what is right and what is wrong," said Taylor. "Many students only learn those lessons and that actions have consequences."



Walter Kubanek, Red Deer's Chief Crown Prosecutor, says cooperation is necessary in preventing crime.

INTERNET

Didsbury selected as a test project for Alberta Supernet

*Communication system
is scheduled to be
running by 2004*

by Christy Dunning

Didsbury will be one of the first rural communities to be part of the Alberta Supernet.

The Alberta government in alliance with Bell Mobility will be implementing the project starting this year.

The new fibre-optic system will link all broadband systems such as telephone, cable and internet. The system will service places such as schools, libraries and Alberta Government

agencies, allowing them to stay connected with each other.

Although this project is in the beginning stages, Didsbury has been selected as a test community. Didsbury officials have undergone preliminary hearings with the company and are awaiting the outcome of further investigation into the project.

The Supernet will eventually service approximately 450 communities throughout the province.

"This is really only the tip of the iceberg," said Mike Phillips, assistant development officer for the Town of Didsbury.

The Supernet is scheduled to be up and running by 2004.

"By freeze up this year they want to have groundwork laid," said Phillips.

SCHOOL BOARD

Day Treatment Program approved

The Chinook's Edge Board gave its approval to a Day Treatment Program.

The program was presented at the January Board meeting.

The program will benefit 12-17 year old Central Alberta students with be-

havioural challenges.

It involves a partnership between Red Deer Public School Board, Diamond Willow Children and Family Services, Mental Health Regional Services, and Parkland Youth Homes.

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"If we get a special needs student right now, who needs relief with a hearing specialist it could end up costing between \$30,000 and \$40,000 just for one child. We feel we have cut the reserve funds to the absolute minimum and the only alternative is to ask the schools to plan for 1.5 per cent less."

Chinook's Edge, along with every other division, is hoping for financial rescue from the province to avoid cuts to their school's budgets and be able to maintain the class sizes as well as pay for the 14.09 per cent arbitrated salary increases for teachers.

"We are going to have to draw on every resource we can," said Brassard. "We are telling schools to prepare and we are saying to Dr. Oberg (Provincial Minister of Learning) this is crazy to be up and down like this."

Brassard said the only remedy he can see for this dismal situation would be for the province to start providing stable funding, allowing divisions to do long-term planning.

"A long term plan is what we need so we aren't holding schools and students hostage."

The province has told school boards that next year's budget will be delayed and they shouldn't expect any announcements until late March or April.

School budgets are expected to be reviewed and approved by the division in May.

Susan Roy, treasurer for Chinook's Edge said these cuts will mean different difficulties for each school.

A 1.5 per cent cut will equal \$46,000 less for Olds High school; \$23,000 for

Deer Meadow; \$34,000 for Olds Elementary; \$2,800 for Olds Outreach; \$23,000 for Sundre High; \$50,000 for River Valley and E.W. Miller; \$3,000 for the Learning Centre in Sundre; \$24,000 for Didsbury High; \$25,000 for West Glen; \$27,000 for Ross Ford; \$3,000 for Didsbury Outreach and \$34,000 for Bowden Grandview.

Olds High school Principal Tom Christensen said this cut will make an already difficult budget, worse.

"We don't have any reserves at the school, we have no room to bend and the cuts will be felt."

He said, depending on how the school sets their priorities, a cut in funding could affect class size, support staff, supplies for administration and instruction.

Sundre High school Principal Ray Hoppins, said he will budget the school's budget by taking a little bit from everywhere.

"My overall concern is that, in general, education is underfunded and school's need more money to do their jobs," said Hoppins.

Pesticide Open Houses

The Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board (DEAB) will be holding an information session about the use of pesticides on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Didsbury Library. The Town of Didsbury will be holding an open house at the 5-0 Club on March 5 at 7 p.m.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

New school in Didsbury?



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

When Chinook's Edge School Board dealt with how they were going to deal with their budget this year, they yet again made the statement that a provincial long-term funding plan would help them to know what to expect from year to year.

But because the provincial government has not implemented a long term plan means that every year the local school board cannot plan for the future and must continue on a year-by-year basis.

An example of this can be seen in a Didsbury infrastructure project. The Didsbury High School has needed improvements for years and the School Board has lobbied for funds for the project for the same amount of time. And even though a 1999 audit revealed the school should be one of the top priorities in the province, all of the necessary funds are still not in place.

Chinook's Edge School Board received some hope last week when they were encouraged to submit for a brand new high school for Didsbury.

But it should be remembered that good news follows previous good news and disappointment.

The project took a huge step forward when millions of dollars were allotted by the province for two Didsbury school projects including the high school.

But the announcement of funding freezes has halted the project after it was discovered there still wasn't enough money for the project.

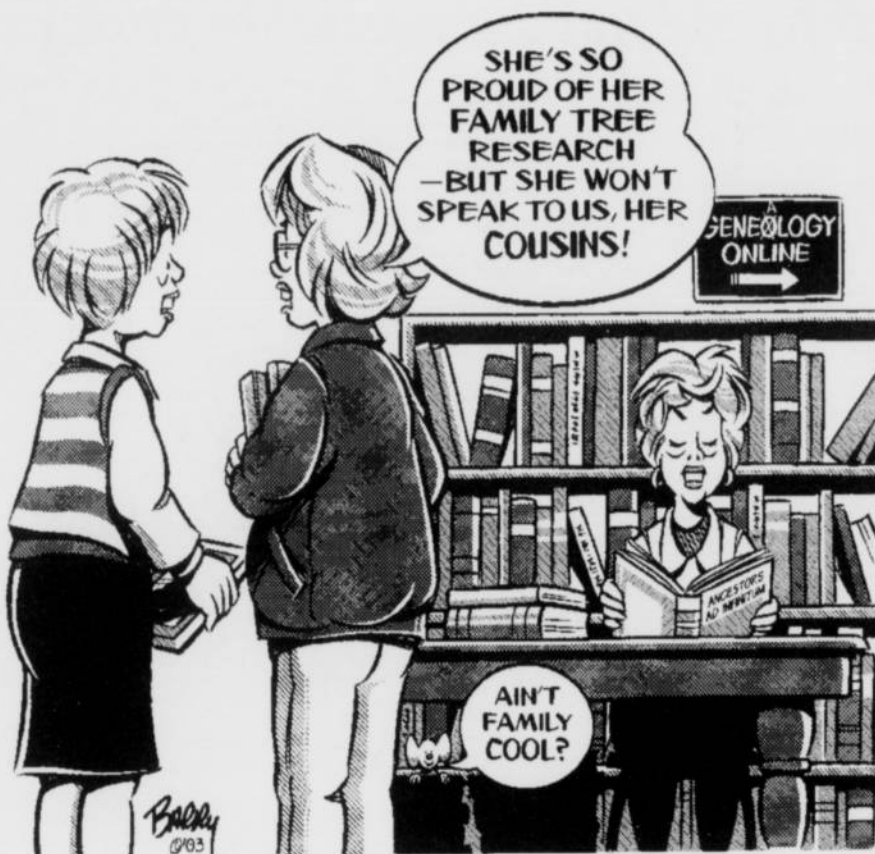
The province needs to come up with a formula to address long-term issues like the Didsbury High School.

One of the best examples I can think of where a government put something into place that gave long-term answers was Mountain View County Council's Recreation policy. Local municipalities would come before the County when they had a large project, like a new arena, to build.

They would ask the County for funds because their ratepayers would use them too. Instead of dealing with the projects on a case by case basis, the County has a per capita funding arrangement with its local municipalities.

The move became a long term solution.

Until the Alberta government makes a similar move, school boards will be forced to budget and plan on a short term basis.



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Stay in Proceedings of New Administration Building Spending

County Council established the Administration Building Review Committee in January, 2002 with the purpose to recommend to County Council the actions necessary to address the current and future County Administration Building needs required to provide adequate administrative services to Mountain View County.

The Committee decided to conduct another in depth review of the current building because 75% of the voters at the 2001 Municipal Election were opposed to the proposed new construction.

The Committee presented the Renovation Feasibility Report at a Special Council Meeting on December 11, 2002. The Committee made the following recommendation:

"That renovation design Option 5A or 5B be used if the County Administration Building is renovated and, further, that County Council instruct the County Administration Building Review Committee to further investigate options for new construction."

County Council accepted this recommendation (Motion #631) and requested the Committee to set out the mandate and the terms of reference to investigate new construction and provide this information, together with related costs, to Council at the December 23, 2002 County Council meeting. (Motion #632). Upon receipt of the requested information, Council approved a motion that \$20,750 plus

disbursements and GST be approved for The Cohos Evamy Partners to prepare a New Building Feasibility Report and, further, that the Administration Building Review Committee be authorized to expend funds for committee and public meetings, appraisal of current site and building and environment assessments, as necessary. (Motion # 677).

The Building Review Committee held a meeting for the public during the preparation of the Renovation Feasibility Study and prior to the completion of the report.

Subsequent to that meeting, the Committee and Council have received oral and written comments suggesting that the feasibility of building a new administration building be considered before final decisions are made.

Please note that the December, 2002 Council resolutions were made to facilitate obtaining information to assist Council in its decision-making for the best interests of Mountain View County residents and taxpayers. These resolutions are not "to approve spending for a new administration building" as your January 16, 2003 letter indicates.

The County is continuing to investigate options for new construction as authorized by County Council in conjunction with the overall Administration Building Review which includes potential renovation.

- Ian Harvie,
Mountain View County Reeve

♥ Ponderings of the heart ♥

"What Love"

by Margaret Fradley

A short time ago we received a letter from one of our grandchildren, she had written to each member of her family, just telling them she appreciated them, and what she appreciated about us, and to tell us she loved us, and she had quoted a scripture in her letter to encourage us. What a sweet, tender and precious gesture on the part of a twelve year old.

This letter was a real evidence of her love, and it made me realize once again that it does not take much to lift another's heart, to encourage another, or to make a lonely person feel needed and wanted again. It perhaps takes just a little time, a little thought and just that extra 'love' we all need and we all need to share with one another.

What a difference we can make, even in very seemingly small ways, to help make this old saddened world of ours just a little brighter, by a simple outreach to those nearest us, a neighbor, a family member, someone in our community, our church, I believe we are called to 'love' - to begin just where we are, doing just what we feel led to do. The need is out there, the challenge is ours.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Why we need a pesticide policy

Dear Editor,

Over the past year (not weeks as stated in Mr. Kuelker's letter Feb. 12) the Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board to Town Council has worked on a proposed policy regarding Greenspace Pest Control and (safe) Chemical Pesticide use. When passed, the policy would clearly outline where and when the use of chemicals would be safely utilized in our greenspaces. This includes the playgrounds and pathways used by the public and their pets. Contrary to restricting our abilities, this policy would establish accepted methods of pest control, be they plant or

insect.

I like to know what is being used in the playground my grandchildren may play in. If other non-toxic methods fail and chemical application is to be utilized, this policy clearly outlines the conditions for their use. I can accept that, but only if other methods do not work.

Yes, there will be a cost. Last summer, over \$5,000 was spent to spray our parks. This is the easy fix, if it worked.

I think this money could have been spent to prepare our greenspaces to withstand weed attacks. Yes, I'm prepared to deal with dandelions until the

long neglected upkeep of our greenspace turf has had an opportunity to recover. Are you?

I encourage you to visit the open houses regarding this subject. Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Library hosted by D.E.A.B. The second on March 5 at the 5-0 Club at 7 p.m. The presenter is a representative of the Landscape and Nursery Trade Assoc.

Town Councillors have received phone calls and letters from you on both sides of the issue. Please continue to call or contact us.

Yours truly,
Gary Dolha
Town Councillor

Nurses seek change with contract

Dear Editor:

Alberta's health employers are now negotiating a new contract with the province's more than 21,000 registered nurses. Through these negotiations health authorities are looking for essential changes necessary to ensure quality patient care in the coming years.

It is important that all Albertans understand this need for change.

The existing collective agreement is made up of provisions accumulated over 20-25 years of bargaining. A number of those provisions are now outdated and no longer support what is best for patients or even nurses.

There are three main objectives for a new contract including:

1. Remove existing barriers to quality patient care.
2. Make more effective use of the skills of registered nurses.
3. Continue to attract and retain nurses by keeping Alberta's nurses among the highest paid in Canada and improving working conditions.

More specifically, health au-

thorities want to increase the number nurses working full-time versus part-time, as has been recommended by the nursing profession for several years.

We also want to reduce the need for overtime so that nurses can have more predictable work schedules and we can free up resources that can be directed toward patient care. At the same time, we want to eliminate contract provisions that now result in too few registered nurses working on some shifts in some locations, and too many working at other times.

We must as well speed up the process for hiring new

nurses into vacant positions, use the knowledge and skills of registered nurses where they will provide the greatest benefit to patients, and make it easier for individual nurses to work with their nurse managers to develop work and vacation schedules that meet the needs of patients and nurses.

Finally, health authorities want to continue to attract new nurses to Alberta. The current contract gave Alberta nurses salary increases of up to 22%, making them among the highest paid in Canada.

Pearl Babiuk
Bargaining Steering Committee

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Democracy or Dictatorship

Dear Editor,

I have been following with interest the re-organization of our health regions throughout the Province. To date there has been little or no interest in who will represent us on these new boards. At the last Municipal Election we not only elected our municipal government, we also elected a school board and health region representative. This is the fundamental principle of our democratic system. According to Premier Klein, the elected officials on regional health boards have been ineffective therefore, the provincial government will make the decision on who will stay and who will go. I ask you, what does your vote a year and a half ago mean? The answer is simple, absolutely nothing. Whenever an elected official is removed from office in this arbitrary manner we should be very concerned. Sadly we are not. Grant Hemming was elected by the people to represent us on Health Authority 5's Board. In a democratic system we the people who elected him should be the only ones to remove him from office if we are so inclined. Mr. Hemming has a year and a half left to serve. Are we going to sit back and allow the Provincial Government to erode our right to elected representation?

Sincerely
Judy Kaupp



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Effective February 15, 2003, the Town of Didsbury will be issuing Gas, Electrical, and Plumbing Permits. IJD Inspections will perform inspections for these permits on a contract basis. Please contact the Planning and Development Department for rates and permit application forms.

ANOTHER ISSUE

Does the use or non-use of pesticides concern you?

If so, there will be a public forum at the 5-0 Club Wednesday, March 5, 2003 at 7:00pm. With guest speaker Nigel Bowles, Executive Director of the Alberta Nursery Trades Association, to present a balanced view on the issue. Please mark this date. Your Council would like to put policies in place that make Didsbury's greenspace attractive and safe. Your questions and concerns will be addressed by experts. We need your input for the right policy.

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FROM THE MAILBAG

School officials should use risk management during outings

Dear Editor,

The horrible tragedy in Glacier National Park that claimed seven young lives will again raise questions about safety on school outings. School officials must take risk seriously. Risk management is key.

The Canada Safety Council has long encouraged parents to ask questions about safety on their children's school outings. Most parents sign the consent form and assume their child will be safe. Yet thousands of injuries and even a few deaths happen every year on school outings.

The Canada Safety Council identified this issue a couple of years ago. In 2000 there were seven fatalities on school field trips. Some of these incidents have led to lawsuits. In Ontario, two elementary school children drowned when their tour boat sank in bad weather, and two high school students were killed at a workplace they were visiting as part of a school program. Also that year, two Calgary students and a parent chaperone drowned when they were swept into the ocean while on a beach hike in California.

During the first half of 2002, an Ontario teenager was killed and another became a quadriplegic from injuries suffered on school ski trips, and a Winnipeg girl drowned on a school-sponsored swimming trip.

Parents have a right to ask for assurance that precautions have been taken. How does

the school plan to ensure the children's safety during the outing? What are the potential hazards? Have there been mishaps on similar trips? How have they been addressed? How many adults will be supervising? What are their qualifications? What is expected of the children? What is the educational value of the trip?

Parents should find out the

details of the trip, give written permission for their child to go, and reinforce the behavior expectations.

School administrators, indeed, have the responsibility of deciding where to draw the line between student safety and real world learning experiences. Risk management is a systematic approach to prevent or reduce exposure to losses. It involves identifying

and analyzing risks or hazards, and taking steps to remove or control risks that may cause injury. Evaluating the risk profile of an activity is frequently based on intuition

and professional experience, rather than on hard scientific or medical evidence.

Sincerely,
Emile-J. Therien
President

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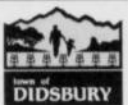
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Mountain View County is currently studying their building requirements and there may be an opportunity for the Town of Didsbury to share in a joint-use administration complex; therefore, the Council of the Town of Didsbury is asking for your input.

Please circle the appropriate answer.

1. Would you be in favor of the Town of Didsbury sharing a joint-use administrative building with the Mountain View County?

Yes No

2. Would you be in favor of moving the Town Office out of the downtown area?

Yes No

3. If the Town of Didsbury should leave the present Town Office, would you be in favor of designating the current Town Office to the Library for Expansion?

Yes No

4. Are you concerned that Mountain View County may move their entire operations out of the Town of Didsbury?

Yes No

Please return your reply to Town Office (2037 19 Ave.) by February 28, 2003. Also please feel free to add additional comments.

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The old bell was taken down from the tower on Monday and the siren installed in its place. This siren will be operated by switch from the local telephone office and in case of fire a call can be put through to the telephone operator, who will turn on the switch and sound the alarm.

The Didsbury Museum is open every Saturday afternoon and is located at 2120-21 Ave.



Co-op gives to schools

Principals of area schools gather for a picture at the Olds Co-op last week as they picked up their cheques from a fundraiser in November and December of last year. This is the seventh year for the fundraiser and in total over \$20,000 has been raised in the area.

MP lampoons Liberal spending

Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose, was infuriated this week as Parliament began debating the Prime Minister's campaign finance reform legislation.

"The rest of the world is focusing on the crisis in Iraq, and the Liberals are once again focusing on what will get them re-elected and what will get their party the greatest financial gain," said Thompson.

"To make matters even

worse, the Liberals had an opportunity to bring in responsible campaign finance reform, but this legislation just replaces the addition to corporate and union funding with taxpayer funding.

"The Canadian people will not stand for this," stated Thompson.

The Canadian Alliance is opposed to any initiative that includes increasing direct taxpayer financing of political par-

ties.

"Any public support for parties must be tied to voluntary donations from individuals, not to mathematical formulas based on previous election results.

"The Liberals are clearly trying to buy power using taxpayers dollars. I believe it is fundamentally wrong to force Canadians to give their tax dollars to parties they don't support," concluded Thompson.

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Pedestrian death on highway #2 still unexplained

by Dan Singleton

Police say they still don't know why a 27-year-old female pedestrian killed on Highway 2 near Olds early Monday night was walking down the middle of the southbound driving lanes, according to

RCMP Const. Dusty Miller.

"We have no idea why she was there. There is no area along Highway 2 that we like to see people walking."

"With the changing road conditions and the traffic it's not a safe place to be walking."

said Miller, a member of the Innisfail Traffic Services Section.

The woman, Kerry Jordan of Bowden, was struck by a vehicle as she walked on the highway at about 9 p.m. She was subsequently hit by a second vehicle.

Impaired driving was

not a factor in the crash, and no charges are pending at this time, he said.

The two drivers involved in the accident have been put in contact with Innisfail Victims Services personnel, he said.

"Generally speaking we get victim's services

involved right away. They can channel victims, in this case the drivers, into proper counselling. They have been contacted in this case."

Operated under the direction of the RCMP, Victim Service Societies are collections of civilian

volunteers who provide support information and referrals to victims of crimes, accidents and other mishaps.

Neither driver was injured in the accident. Their names and ages have not been released. The investigation is continuing.

IN THE COURTS Drunk driver drove off highway

A man who drove his car into the ditch on the James River Road north of Sundre while he was drunk has been fined.

Patrick Milton Dann pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Feb. 10 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

The accused was arrested after police arrived at an accident scene late on the night of Dec. 14, 2002, court heard.

The accused admitted he was driving the 1987 Pontiac when it went into the ditch.

Dann's blood alcohol level at the time was 200 mg per cent.

Citing the relatively high reading as an aggravating factor, Judge B. Fraser fined the accused \$1,150 and prohibited him from driving for one year.



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CHINOOK'S EDGE

School board warns parents or terrorist risk

Consent form states insurance won't cover accident due to terrorism

by Richard Westlund

The Chinook's Edge School Board wants to make it clear that students on field trips will not be covered by the school boards insurance in the case of terrorist activities.

The board amended a statement attached to a field trip consent form to make it more clear about the risks student take when travelling - especially globally.

The notice now reads "Please be advised insurance coverage for acts of terrorism is no longer available and, as such, your son or daughter is not covered."

"We really need to make sure parents know students are not covered in the case of a terrorist attack."

Brassard added the recent threats of terrorism have started to "bring the issue into focus."

Trustee Doug Campbell said he still didn't know what would constitute as a terrorist threat and said that an insurance company that was looking to pay out a claim on a border-line case might decide to go to court rather than pay out.

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EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE



Didsbury High School Students Tyler Brilz and Grant Richmond will receive 16 credits for completing the Green Certificate Program towards their diploma, but more importantly, have gained cutting edge knowledge about the business of agriculture.

High School students receive "Green" certificates

Program allows students to learn about agriculture while earning diploma

by Richard Westlund

Two Didsbury High School students received "Green" certificates for their work in an agricultural based program through the high school, Olds College and Alberta Agriculture.

Didsbury High School Students Tyler Brilz and Grant Richmond will receive 16 credits for completing the Green Certificate Program towards their diploma, but more importantly, have gained cutting edge knowledge about the business of agriculture.

The Green Certificate Program recognizes the skills gained by students working in the agriculture industry. The program offers a certificate in different areas - Cow/Calf, Dairy, Field Crop, Feedlot, Irrigated Field Crop, Sheep and Swine.

The program includes approximately 400 hours of work experience on a farm and testing through the Olds College.

Richmond, a Scotland Native, did his work at Westway Farms - local operation. He said the program taught him a lot about modern farming procedures.

"You learn a lot of general stuff like handling cows, vaccination techniques, learning to operate farm machinery and other equip-

ment," said Richmond who took both feedlot and cow/calf disciplines.

Richmond completed his hours over a two-and-a-half year period.

Brilz finished the work experience component of his course at his parent's farm. He said he was able to bring knowledge he gained through the course back to the farm and implement it there.

"Personally I think that most farm-oriented households would benefit by having someone go through the program," he said adding that learning about changing government regulations help farms stay up-to-date.

"Personally I think that most farm-oriented households would benefit by having someone go through the program."

- Tyler Brilz, participant

The Green Certificate program allows participants to achieve college credit at Olds College while they are still in high school. Both Didsbury students are planning on attending the school but are embarking on slightly different disciplines than what they learned through the program.

Richmond plans on taking Ag. Mechanic Courses while Brilz is planning to take Land Reclamation.

Community contact is essential for a school board

Community meeting collects education concerns, ideas



IAN TAYLOR
TRUSTEE TALK

Since my time on the Board, we trustees have had an ongoing concern about effectively contacting our electorate. This column is one approach; attending school council meetings is another. However, education matters were never of burning interest to everybody, especially if they had no children in school. When the Province reorganized school boards in 1994 and trustees had to represent bigger areas and more people the challenge of staying in touch with the public increased.

To help us get the message out about the enterprise of public education we hired a communications officer over a year ago. We judge this to have been a great success. We now have professionally written press releases that update the public on developments and incidents in the Division as well as projecting a positive image about our schools.

This year, at the suggestion of our communications officer, we went one step further to plan meetings in each ward with community leaders. To this end I hosted a community breakfast on January 21st at the Carstairs Community Hall. Despite the cold snap and the fresh snow, nearly all those invited arrived, including councillors and mayors from Cremona and Carstairs, our local County Councillor, and local MLA. The majority of those invited no longer had direct contact with schools.

The purpose of the meeting was twofold; to inform those present about the operation and initiatives of Chinook's Edge School Division then to gather input from the guests on how they rate current operations and what they saw as priorities for the future. After I gave a power point presentation about the Division, participants were asked to discuss two questions at their tables: "Is Chinook's

Edge doing a good job in its effort to meet the needs of student?" and, "What should schools look like in the future?" Individuals from each table reported to the large group and everybody wrote responses that were collected at the end and have since been compiled.

There were as many varied opinions from the group as the number of people attending. In response to the first question many participants were generally pleased with the job the Division was doing. Two concerns mentioned by several people were that the Division might be spreading its resources too thin by trying too many initiatives - especially venturing into areas that should be the responsibility of parents, and secondly that schools have become too isolated and apart from the communities they serve.

In considering the second question respondents again exhibited some common themes. While accepting that technology will play an increasingly greater role in education they were concerned that students do not become totally dependent on machines. They said that there will still be a need to have basic literacy and numeracy skills, and it will still be important for students to have employability skills like reliability, punctuality, and "stick-to-it" at a job. They also saw a need for the school to become much more integrated with the community "Be a resource center of, to and for the community" - a place where adults could also take classes.

see TAYLOR Page 13



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Ralph and I were eating lunch last week while we listened to Wild Rose Country on the CBC. Subject of the day was rural driving habits and the statistics were really frightening. Based upon Alberta Travel Collision Statistics from Alberta Transportation in the year 2000, rural areas had 226 fatal collisions and urban areas only 86. Rural areas had 72.4 percent of all the fatal crashes in the Province. In 2001 it gets worse, country people had 253 fatal collisions and urban drivers 88, so rural areas had 74.2 percent of all the fatal crashes in Alberta.

We looked at each other in disbelief, there has to be some reason for this and the nice man went on to explain. "Country people have a concept of fatalism" he said, "they feel that this time they were either lucky or unlucky, they have a Spiritual outlook in that their welfare is probably Gods Will, 'my number was up or it wasn't my turn.' They have more of a connection with the land and the environment."

I was incensed, "Another couple of inches to help widen the gap between rural rubes and city sophisticates. He thinks we drive around, singing Nearer My God to Thee, whistling through signs that we probably can't read and driving one handed while we toss organic hemp seeds to the White Dove perched on the hood. Where do they get this stuff?"

I phoned CBC Calgary and the producer of Wildrose Country gave me the name and phone number for the guest in question. I called Peter Rothe at The Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research in Edmonton. Peter was in the middle of an office cleaning but he was helpful and accommodating. He said that they interviewed between 300 and 400 rural people and he felt quite sure that he was correct in his conclusions. People who live in the country probably live there because they are inherently independent, value freedom, are closer to nature so they have a sense of being guided and are maybe more aware of the passing landscape because they are not distracted by traffic lights, cop cars, couriers on bicycles and ladies with poodles. He said that rural people seemed to feel more responsibility toward their neighbors so were more careful passing through a Town or Village because they probably knew the people on the street but once on the open road the feeling was, "I look out for me and you look after you." He said, "when you feel that way you tend to remove yourself from responsibility."

He is probably right. Farmers do tend to be freedom loving and independent, people who regularly deal with enormous machinery and furious, protective mother cows have to rely on a higher power and do become fatalistic. As kids we regularly yelled, "Dad." As our father admired a lovely crop of oats or a beautiful colt and wandered to the edge of the road. I have occasionally been half way to Carstairs when I remembered that I was actually going to Didsbury and I know full well that I should not be allowed to drive in Spring when trees are greening, wild flowers blooming and baby animals romping in the sunshine.

And we all drive too fast. A smooth open road that we have traveled a zillion times, very light traffic, no police, no traffic lights, you could do it in your sleep and the speedometer creeps up and up, almost of its own free will. Meanwhile coming from a side road is another independent free spirit who took off his seat belt so that he could reach his cell phone to order a combine part. He too is so familiar with the road that he almost doesn't see it at all and he's driving too fast.

These are terrible statistics. Please let's do something about them. Driving a car at 110 kph is a full time job that deserves your undivided attention. Stop at the stop signs, wear your seat belt, watch that independent, fatalistic idiot who is entering from the side road and slow down!

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by Noreen Olson

Pool celebrates 10 years

What were you doing February 1993? Maybe you were enjoying the grand opening of the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. Why not let history repeat itself? Come out for the Didsbury's Aquatic Centre's 10-Year Anniversary celebration February 22 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Join us for water games, birthday cake, raffles, prizes and fun, fun, fun.

The Didsbury Aquatic Centre will be celebrating all weekend long with admission

prices from 10 years ago! There will be special recognition for our patrons all weekend long. Stop by and check out the displays and photos from the past - who knows? Maybe you'll recognize yourself or someone you haven't seen on a long time.

The 120 Year Anniversary

will also serve as the kick-off to the Name the Slide Contest. Come and submit your great idea. You may be able to leave your legacy at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. Watch your mail for the week-end schedule. For more information, please call us at 335-7369.

Didsbury Ag. Society Notes

by Marge St. Clair

A good attendance was present for the meeting opened by new pres. Ken Anderson at 7:30 p.m.

1. The Ag Society will have a booth at the Didsbury Trade Show Apr. 5 & 6.

2. A waste bin will be placed on the Ag. Society Land.

3. Margaret Johnston will attend the annual convention in Grande Prairie.

4. The Didsbury Light Horse Assoc. will run the barn for 2003. Mandy Whiteside 556-6098 will take the bookings.

5. 2003 Cattle Raffle
1,000 tickets will be printed. 20 bred heifers or \$20,000 plus 50 draws for \$50 each. Draw to be made at rodeo dance Sat. Aug. 16th at midnight.

6. Grant Richmond will receive an Active Ag. member scholarship.

7. All committees were updated.

8. Initial plans have started for the rodeo & fair.

9. Next meeting will be Wed. Mar. 5 7:30 p.m.

Trustees will visit Didsbury schools

Chinook's Edge School Board trustees will visit Didsbury schools first as part of a division-wide tour planned for this year.

The school board will arrive in Didsbury on March 19 and tour the four schools in Didsbury.

The board will arrive at Ross Ford Elementary at 9 a.m. and go to Westglen middle school at 10:45. After lunch trustees will stop at the Didsbury High School before visiting Didsbury Outreach School.

The visit will be the first since the board made the decision to pursue a new high school for Didsbury.

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St. CYPRIAN'S A.C.W. NEWS

New officers for 2003 announced

by Anne Milne

The annual meeting and election of officers was held on Mon. Jan. 27th. All reports showed a successful busy year for 2002.

The new officers for 2003 are:

Pres. - Coline Bettson
Vice Pres. - Delores Walls

Secty- Myrna Watt
Treas. - Jean Mattis
Education - Hazel Miller

Publicity - Anne Milne
Foster Child - Eva Page
Social Services - Jean Gooding

Hall Rental - Jean Gooding
Kitchen Supplies - Anne Smith

Hall Supplies - Jessie Nelson

Meals on Wheels will be delivered Feb. 24th to Mar. 7th, there were several volunteers.

World Day of Prayer is Mar. 7th at the United Church.

Plans for a Memory Book and a note paper project were discussed.

Hazel Miller's education paper dealt with the effects of mass prayers for miracles. One of many examples took place on Nov. 13th, 1998 during a time of escalating political tension, of special interest that day was the expiration of a timeline imposed on Iraq to comply with the United Nations demands for weapons in-

spection. The West had made it clear that Iraq's failure to comply would result in massive bombing resulting in a great loss of life. Linked through a global community accessing the World Wide Web several hundred thousand people prayed for peace at the same time. During that time a miracle occurred. The President of the United States received a letter from Iraq officials stat-

ing they would now cooperate and the bombing was averted.

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The compiled responses will be put with those from other parts of the Division and reviewed by all the trustees at our next retreat. Those attending the breakfast meeting were also asked if it was worthwhile. They overwhelmingly thought it was. These are typical of the comments: "I think it's important for the people not involved in schools to know their tax money is being spent wisely" and "Helpful to get a snapshot of what CESD is involved with regarding public education. Good to see the sheer numbers, budget wise, student population, schools etc."

Although we had planned a ten o'clock finish it was gratifying to see people staying on for quite a long time afterwards, continuing their discussions in small groups.

These are typical of the comments: "I think it's important for the people not involved in schools to know their tax money is being spent wisely".

- Ian Taylor
trustee

Several participants suggested that this should become an annual event - Let's hope so.

The opinions expressed here are my own, not neces-

sarily those of the Board. If you wish to contact me about this or other school matters call 335 8575, fax 335-8576, or e-mail, nanatee@telusplanet.net


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Focus on
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QUESTION: My son is just over a year old. I quit my job when he was born, believing it was the right thing to do, but lately our finances have been so tight that I'm seriously considering going back to work. What are your feelings about putting a child of this age in day care?

DR. DOBSON: Let me begin by saying that I understand the struggle you're facing. When our firstborn was 2 years old, I was finishing my doctoral work at the University of Southern California. Every available dollar was needed to support my tuition and related expenses. Although we didn't want Shirley to work when Danae was young, we felt we had no alternative. Shirley taught school and our little girl was taken to a day-care center each morning.

One day when we arrived at the facility, Danae began to cry uncontrollably. "No! No! No, Daddy!" she said to me. She had a look of terror in her eyes, and I suspected that she had been very upset the last time she was there. I could only imagine what had happened. I turned and walked back to the car carrying my precious daughter. When we were alone, I said, "Danae, I promise that you will never have to stay there again."

And she never did. I share this to underscore the point that though I'm sympathetic with your financial anxieties, I'd still advise you to avoid the day-care option if at all possible.

My opinion on this subject is based on hard data. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development has conducted the most comprehensive study of this issue to date.

More than 1,100 mothers and children and 10 premier child-care sites across the United States were evaluated when the children were 6, 15, 24 and 36 months of age. Preliminary findings confirm that leaving a very young child in a day-care facility is associated with less sensitive mothering and child engagement.

The child also tends to react less positively to the mother. In other words, the bond between mother and child is affected somewhat negatively by early day-care experience, especially if the mother tends by nature to be insensitive.

QUESTION: Do you have any practical suggestions for couples who are serious about making the effort to live on one income? How can they avoid bankruptcy?

DR. DOBSON: There may be a way to get it done. Donna Partow, author of "Homemade Business," has offered specific advice about starting your own business, which could involve desktop publishing, pet grooming, sewing, consulting, transcribing legal documents or even getting into mail-order sales.

Choosing the right business is the first of three preparatory steps. Consider taking a personal-skills-and-interest inventory to identify your abilities and to discover what you might enjoy doing.

The second step is to do your homework. Begin by asking your librarian to help you research your chosen field. Look up books, magazines and newspaper articles. Talk to other people who have done what you are considering. Join an industry organization and a network. Subscribe to industry publications.

According to Mrs. Partow, the third step is to garner as much support as you can. Get your children, your spouse and your friends on your side. Then marshal your resources and go for it. Before telling me why this alternative is impossible in light of your circumstances, let me tell you about the Van Wingerden family in Colorado Springs, Colo. They have 22 children, 12 of them adopted and 10 born to Lynn, the mother.

They own a strawberry farm and all the children old enough to work are involved in it. Believe it or not, Mrs. Van Wingerden homeschools all the kids personally. The family is highly organized and structured, with the teenagers having specific and rotating responsibilities for routine tasks and for the care of the youngsters. Visiting their home is a delight.

The Van Wingerdens prove that many things are possible for those who set their minds to it.

Brown Bag Travel Hour
includes Trans Alaska pipeline

by Marge St. Clair

Thurs. Feb. 20

Welcome to Brown Bag Travel Hour at the Didsbury Library at 12:00 noon sharp.

(1) Trans Alaska Pipeline - 30 mins.

(2) The Portage Glacier - 30 mins.

A second showing will be held at 7:00 p.m. (bring popcorn).

Welcome to Didsbury to Mr. Bill Deederly, the new manager at Mountain View Credit Union.

Congratulations to our Junior Men's Curling Team, Jordan Lunt, Kyle Couture, Ben Misener, Nathan Brander & Mike Monteith who won County Playdowns in Sundre and now go on to Hanna in zone Playdowns on Feb. 25. Good luck!

Thurs. Feb. 20

Former residents of Westerdale are invited to the annual meeting of the Westerdale Community Association at 7:30 p.m. at the Westerdale Hall.

Two very deserving volunteers of our community were

presented with Jubilee Medals by MLA Richard Marz. Annie Pringle and Anne Milne were honored in the Town Council Chambers. Congratulations to both ladies.

Thurs. Feb. 27

The Chamber of Commerce will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall (Train Station). Many items on the agenda and new officers to be elected, please attend and show your support.

Fri. Feb. 28 & Mar. 1

The Didsbury Lions Club Bonspiel will start Fri. evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Curling Rink.

The general public, men's, ladies or a combination are invited to enter. Phone Ray Lea 335-3798 (evenings) or Rodger Logan 335-2385 to enter. Excellent prizes, door prizes and great food!!

Sat. Mar. 1

Spruce Ridge Christian School will be having the annual Buffet Dinner and silent auction from 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and a live auction beginning at 7:00 p.m. For all information please phone 637-2449.

Sun. Mar. 2

Olds Legion #105 is hosting

the Annual Legion Bonspiel at the Didsbury Curling Rink starting at 10:00 a.m. Teams from Sundre, Cremona, Crossfield and Olds can enter by phoning Bob Uhryn at 556-6792.

Wed. Mar. 5

The Didsbury Ag. Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Hogline Room at the Curling Rink.

Wed. Mar. 5

To use or not to use pesticides in parks and green places. This is the subject of an open forum at the 5-0 Club at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Nigel Bowles, ex director of the Alberta Nursery Trades Ass'n. will be speaking. Questions and concerns will be addressed and answered by experts.

Thurs. Mar. 6

The monthly meeting of the Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary will be held in the Assembly Room at the Hospital at 2:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Fri. Mar. 7

The World Day of Prayer is being held at Knox United Church at 2:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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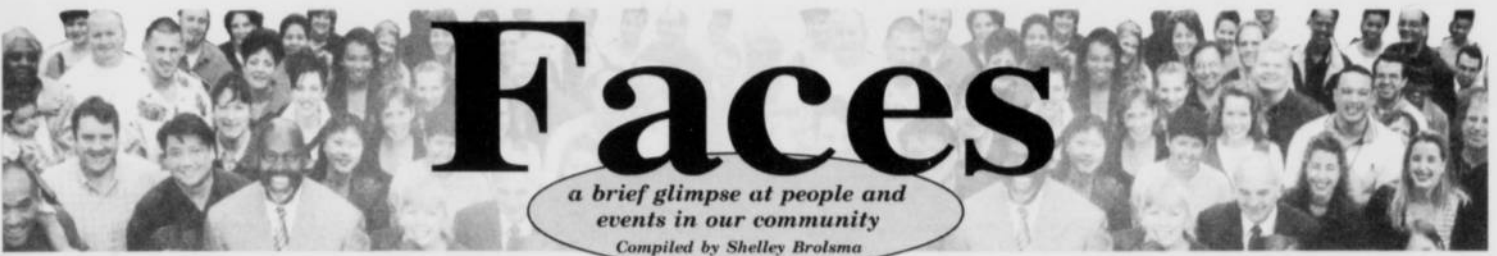
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Faces

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Travel around the World in an afternoon

Don't have quite enough air miles saved up to take a winter vacation this year?

Why not grab your camera and head down to the Didsbury Arena Sunday, March 9th. That's when organizers from the Didsbury Skating Club will be hosting their "Around the World" skating carnival from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

Eight groups of skaters between the age of four and 16 will glide and stride their way across the globe - one country

at a time. "One of the groups is doing a piece from China involving Kung Fu fighting," says Carnival Organizer, Cam McLean. "Each group will represent a different country...it will really be something to see."

Among the skating groups taking to the ice will be: Learn-to-Skate, Pre-Hockey, Can-Skate, Prelim Prep and Star Skater.

"Our Senior members will be doing solos this time, so we are all really looking forward to

that," says McLean who has two children skating in the carnival himself (Hailey 8 years and Lachlan 6 years). "It will be a good opportunity for people to see their routines if they aren't made it out to any competitions."

McLean says Club members have been practicing since January on their routines and are looking forward to show friends, family and skating enthusiasts everything they've learned so far this year.

In addition to an outstanding line-up of local talent, this year's Carnival may also include a few out of town guests. "We are expecting a synco group to come out from the Crossfield Figure Skating Club as well as a few others...We are just waiting on some confirmations at this time."

Admission to the Skating Carnival is just \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. Seniors are \$1.00 and children under six are free.



Cam McLean

Two men, two goals, one mountain...

You can almost feel the vertigo from your seats.

It's a sensation the producers and directors of the movie "The Climb" likely take great pride in, but is by no means the only enticing quality to this action-packed adventure film will be playing at the Carstairs Community Hall February 28th.

Presented by the West Zion Mennonite Church, "The Climb" is a new Billy Graham film from World Wide Pictures that promises to take the audience from heart-stopping to heartwarming...and back! "I

saw the movie when it was in the Cremona area and it really left an impression on me," says Dino Siemens, the individual behind coordinating the movie's latest screening in Carstairs.

"...Without giving the plot away too much, it's about two men who have been thrust together by circumstance and head off to climb one of the mountains in the Andes together."

Siemens, an ex-mountain climber himself, says the climbing techniques used in the movie are 90 per cent accurate

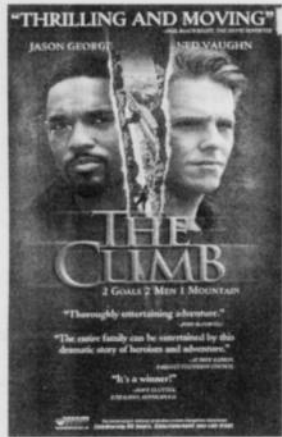
- enhancing the overall authenticity of the movie. But method acting and special effects aside, Siemens believes the story line to be the most enticing quality that the film has to offer. "It's about these two hotshot solo climbers who forge an uneasy friendship in order to reach their ultimate summit."

One of the actors in the movie is Jason George, who's daring climbs are fueled by a deep anger toward the father he never knew. Through an unwanted climbing partner, he begins to question why he takes everything - and everyone - to

the edge. Conversely Ned Vaghn plays a humble, calm, cautious and peaceful climber forced to accomplish his ultimate goal with someone who will lead him to his ultimate test of courage.

Siemens says admission to this "must see" family movie is free and includes snacks and refreshments directly following the show. "The idea here is that families come out and enjoy an evening together...bring a friend along and have a good time at the movies."

For further information, call Siemens at (403) 650-7248.



Share in the music with local artist

When is the last time you got into a concert for \$10.00? While the price may sound hard to believe, the music being presented at the Didsbury High School Gym March 1st at 7:00 pm will definitely be a real treat.

"Melinda Garland and Friends Share their Music" is a fundraiser featuring the talents of the 17-year-old student who has been chosen recently to sing on a compilation CD entitled "Alberta's Finest" from Western Star Promotions in Calgary.

Word of the CD has come as welcome news for Melinda and her family.

The only obstacle to this next step in furthering her musical aspirations is unfortunately the cost. "We have found a person who was willing to

invest half the money (\$2200.00) to produce the CD...and are hoping this fundraiser will help produce the rest."

Melinda has been cultivating her singing talents since the age of four and has become a well-known local and provincial talent.

"I can still remember her singing the theme song to the Littlest Mermaid in my kitchen," says Melinda's mother, Doris Garland. "...it was remarkable; it sounded exactly like the Disney production."

Last year Melinda competed in venues all over south-central Alberta, in the under 18 category for the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame singing Contest. "The very first

night she sang at Thorncliffe Community Centre in Calgary, she won and got to represent them at the finals in June, 2002," Doris adds.

In addition to her performances in the city, Melinda has also sang with the Didsbury High school Jazz band at their Christmas Band Concert last year and continues to hone her natural abilities through voice lessons from the Monika with a K Musik Studio in Carstairs for the past three years.

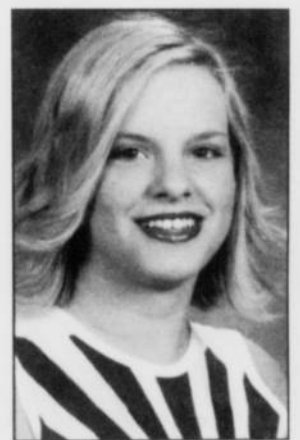
But Melinda won't be the only one performing at the Music Concert March 1st. Several other artists have also agreed to perform. "There won't be a shortage of talent as lots of local people have expressed an interest in performing on Melinda's behalf." These

include Grade 12 classmates Jessica Deitrich, Tanya Phillips, Brittney Boyer and an all male high school band called "Crisend".

"There will also be a Grade 8 student from Westglen, Shannon Sabyan, a Special Needs Teacher, Candice Durocher and Carrie Zelmer from Didsbury." Three recording artists from the Carstairs/Crossfield area, Monika with a K, Kelsey Foat and Chad Holliday will also perform.

Tickets for the evening performance are available at Contemporary Graphics, Didsbury, Dee Jay's Music, Olds and Sears Outlet, Carstairs or by calling 335-9317.

Door prizes at the event are being sponsored by local merchants.



Melinda Garland



Jen Pride

Grad Committee entertains with "Power of Suggestion"

The lights have gone out, the smoke is pouring in and the computerized light show has begun. This is what lies in store for those daring enough to experience the latest fundraiser being held by the Didsbury High School Grad Committee tonight (February 19th) at 7:30 pm.

Back by popular demand is Hypnotist Marc Savard and his

"Power of Suggestion" tour, an evening of interactive entertainment the whole family can enjoy.

But audiences alone won't be the only ones anticipating the event. Grad Committee Representative Jen Pride says her classmates have been busy planning the event for two months now. "We decided to hold the event based on the

success other grad classes experienced in previous years," says Pride. "There's a lot going on actually..."

In addition to the show itself is a Silent Auction complete with items donated by local businesses and the Marc Savard production company. "There will be hypnosis tapes on things like 'How to Quit Smoking' and 'How to Improve your

Golf Game'...to name a few," adds Pride.

Pride says all proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to offset the cost of Grad 2003 (facility rentals, decorations, etc.)

Tickets for the show can be purchased from any grad student for \$8.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Doors open at 6:30 pm with the performance beginning at 7:30 pm.

What's New in Mountain View County?

Lots. And, we'd like you to know. This is the first in a series of updates designed to keep you on the leading edge of happenings, issues and celebrations in our County. If we've tweaked your interest, give us a call for more information. If there's an issue you'd like to see covered, let us know. Call us at 403-335-3311 or drop us an email at: mvadmin@mountainviewcounty.com

Home Sweet Home

Renovate, construct a new building or simply make do with the old – lots of options, tons of considerations to weigh.

When they signed up for a term on the County Building Administration Building Committee, they had no idea what they were in for. But, Richard Baudistel, Rod Elvestad, Albert Kemmere, Ted Kostenuke, Robert Rowntree, Councillor Dave Derksen (Chair) Councillor Charlie Van Arnam, County Commissioner Harold Johnsrude, and Assistant Commissioner Tony Martens have embraced their mandate wholeheartedly and they're determined to see it completed – really completed – right down to weighing every option including new building construction.

Every nook and cranny

They started by adding architects; The Cohos Evamy Partners to the team to conduct a Renovation Feasibility Study. The process looked at every nook and cranny of the County building and probed its every possible use short and long-term. Here's how they went about it.

- A review of all previous reports and existing building plans
- Interviews with staff and building users to understand the facility's functionality and to assess workspace needs short and long term
- A thorough inspection of the building to:
 - (a) determine the need for immediate repairs to rectify building code infractions; (b) ensure safety for building users and; (c) plan for the building's long-term stability.
- A series of schematic drawings showing renovation options

Action is needed

The Renovation Feasibility Study clearly shows – action is needed on more than a few fronts.

First, the building has to be brought up to code and the roof needs replacing. This will cost about \$ 875,000 (if done at the same time as a renovation. If it is done independent of a renovation, costs will be about 10-15% higher).

Second, the building as it currently stands, will not safely or cost-effectively serve the needs of the County for the short or long-term. Change is inevitable.

Out of a possible five renovation scenarios, the Committee targeted options 5A and 5B for consideration. Both would see a major renovation to the building, (on the existing site) including: much improved functionality, significantly better public access, new council chambers and more work space to accommodate increasing responsibilities as federal and provincial governments download more programs and administration to the municipal level.

The difference between the two options is the Council Chambers. Option 5A has the Chambers as an extension to the building. Option 5B has the Chambers as an annex to the building that can be accessed in a number of ways. Both options offer a much-improved public meeting facility.

In either scenario, business would continue as usual during construction. The renovation would be scheduled in phases to avoid moving departments out of the building while construction is underway. Using a phased approach, the renovation would likely be 22-32 months in duration.

These two renovation options are estimated at \$ 3.5 million to \$ 3.9 million.

Apples to Apples

Given the extent of renovations required, the Committee feels it is prudent to also explore the potential of new construction. "When we're dealing with change of this magnitude, we think it's important to consider all avenues," says Dave Derksen, Committee Chair. By scoping out the cost and implications of new building construction, then we can truly compare apples to apples, and make an informed decision about the building's future.

"Given the dollars we're looking at, in either a renovation or new construction option, \$ 35,000 is less than 1% of our future investment in renovation or new construction," he says. "It buys our rate payers peace of mind because we won't be looking back twenty years from now, and wondering – what if."

The Cohos Evamy Partners are currently conducting the New Construction Feasibility Study and expect to have a completed report April 2003.

Roommates

There's more than a few people watching the progress of the Committee. One group that's interested to see how the building's future shapes up is the Town of Didsbury. With expanded workspace and greater functionality at the County Building, there could be potential to blend the administration offices of both the Town and County under one roof. The result would be savings to town and county residents and more efficiency in service delivery.

To test the waters, The Town is currently circulating a questionnaire asking ratepayers their views on the option of sharing space.

Stay Informed

Like the Renovation Feasibility Study, a progress report on the New Construction option will be shared in a public forum with county residents and ratepayers to get feedback, answer questions, and share comments. Then, the Administration Building Committee will present a final New Construction Feasibility Study report and recommendations to Council at a special Council meeting (Spring 2003). The public is invited to observe – in fact, the public and the media are welcome to observe all regular monthly Council meetings.

Copies of the Renovation Feasibility Study are available by calling the County office. Your questions or comments are welcome. Please direct them to the Administration Building Committee Chair, Dave Derksen. To reach Councillor Derksen or to find out more, please call: 403-335-3311.



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ZEM and Friends Theatre Players, a Didsbury based drama group, is busily preparing for the upcoming musical drama "When Calls The Heart".

The group will be presenting the first Canadian performance of the play.

The performance will inaugurate the new Evangelical Missionary Church building in Didsbury.

Three presentations will delight audiences, running from Friday, March 7 to Sunday, March 9, 2003 at the new church, located 1/4 mile east of Didsbury, Alberta.

ZEM & Friends Theatre Players is a new local drama group, co-directed by Suzi Neufeld and Helen Entwistle.

Their first presentation, "When Calls The Heart," is based on a book of the same name, written by Alberta author Janette Oke. The story is set in the Alberta of 1910.

New settlers are seeking ways to educate their young families and since teachers are in short supply, invitations are given for those from the East to come West to teach.

Elizabeth Thatcher, a young cultured woman from Toronto, is one who answers the call, though she makes it very clear that she has no interest in marrying any of the uncouth frontiersmen.

To her surprise, she finds that her heart is softened by every woman's dream - an attractive young North West Mounted Police officer.

But there are complications.

Through their performance, ZEM and Friends hope to entertain and welcome people in the new church. Proceeds will be going towards the cost of the new building.

Janette Oke has written more than 60 published works that have sold more than 20 million copies. The books

have captivated audiences of all ages, ranging from children's stories and inspiring gift books to multiple fiction series.

Translated into fourteen different languages, they reach a broad spec-

trum of both the religious and general markets. The author has been recognized with several awards including The Christy Award of Excellence, the 1992 President's Award from the Evangelical Chris-

tian Publishers Association (ECPA), and in 1999 the Life Impact Award from Christian Booksellers Association International. Janette Oke resides with her husband in Olds Alberta, Canada. They

have four grown children and eleven grandchildren.

Tickets for the play can be purchased at a number of outlets throughout central Alberta. These include Contemporary Graphics

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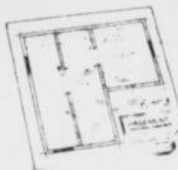
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Didsbury track helping to maintain champions

Didsbury and the Didsbury Ag. Society have been home to the Airdrie BMX Association and their BMX racers for the past three months. BMXers from around the province have made use of the track in the Mountainview Livestock building and most of them competed in the first Provincial race of the season held this past weekend at the Northlands Agrium in Edmonton.

More than 45 Airdrie BMX Association members competed with many riders placing at or near the top of the age classes. Having the indoor track here in Didsbury has enabled the riders to keep their fitness level and riding skills at a high level. Some of the riders taking wins included Samantha Cools (3 time World Champion) in Pro Women, Christine Miller 15 expert girl, Jim Brown 14 expert and 14 cruiser, Glen Bradley 13 expert, Patrick Lebel 16 expert, Kayd Herriman 12 expert and Travis Goddard in the 7 novice class.

Many riders from Red Deer who have been racing here this winter also looked fast and smooth on their way to some top placings.

Didsbury racers 7 year old Tanner Vandenhoven and his 8 year old brother Austin made the trip to Edmonton for their first taste of some larger racing, there were more than 250 racers from around Alberta in attendance. Tanner and Austin competed in the novice class for their age group, both looked extremely good with Tanner tak-

ing first for the 7 year olds and Austin having a tougher time with his class but raced hard to the finish in every moto. The Alberta BMX Association Provincial race series takes place at different tracks around the province with the Grand Provincial in Red Deer September 14.

The riders compete in their respective age and ability group, to qualify for a year end award and an earned # plate (to be used the following season) a rider has to compete in 3 of 5 races plus the final in Red Deer.

At each of the first five races the awards are plaque and medallions and the year end award will be a trophy that stands almost 4' tall, everyone who races the series gets to take home one of these.

Races in the expert classes winning the Provincial Series also get themselves a spot on the Alberta Provincial team to compete at the Canadian Championships the following season with the chance to earn a berth on the Canadian BMX team and trip to the World Championships.

Winter racing will continue in Didsbury for about another month be sure to come out and give it a try.

Racing takes place on the weekend and practice is every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, everyone is welcome (a parent must attend with a minor). For more information call 512-0639 or visit us at www.airdrieBMX.ca



Didsbury's indoor BMX track has allowed local and area enthusiasts to train throughout the winter months.

Playing in Air Canada Cup has been beneficial for players

by Barry Williams

Any time a player has the opportunity of playing in a national championship, they benefit from it.

Five current Grizzlys' players have played in the Air Canada Cup, emblematic of Midget AAA hockey supremacy in Canada.

Last year, four players were members of the Red Deer Midget AAA Optimist Chiefs, provincial Midget AAA champions and Western Canada's representation at the 2001/2002 Air Canada Cup.

Forwards Mark Smyth, Landis Stankieveh, Bill Vandermeer and defenceman Jay Rosehill journeyed to Prince Edward Island for the national championship.

Rosehill was in his first year as a member of the Chiefs while, Vandermeer, Smyth and Stankieveh were two year veterans of the team.

In a recent interview, all the players indicated the

experience of playing in a national championship is something they will never forget and cherish for a lifetime.

Smyth, the Chiefs' captain, was named the Most Valuable Player in the Western Canadian Midget AAA championship tournament and was among the leaders in scoring at the Air Canada Cup.

"The experience a player receives by playing in the Air Canada Cup is beneficial," Smyth said indicating, the Chiefs were a closely knit team.

Although the Chiefs failed to win the Air Canada Cup, Smyth indicated the team was very competitive making it to the tournament play offs. "We had a lot of talent and played together as a team," Smyth added.

"The players' interest was for the betterment of the team, not individual statistics," he added. Before joining the Chiefs last season, Smyth played a few games with the Grizzlys and the experience he gained playing in the AJHL made him a better player at the Midget

AAA level.

According to Smyth, the biggest adjustment facing him as a member of the Grizzlys is the speed of the game. Because of the quickness of the AJHL, Smyth noted a player has to know what he is going to do with the puck the minute he receives it.

"A player has to be thinking all the time as there is not much time to make a play," he added.

Meanwhile, Stankieveh one of the leading scorers on the Chiefs indicated he expects to be an offensive contributor while playing for the Grizzlys. The main adjustment for Stankieveh this year with the Grizzlys was becoming a better defensive player and getting used to play without the red line.

"In Junior A hockey, a player has to be able to play at both ends of the rink," he said.

"What I'm finding is there is not much time making a play, you have to shoot or pass the puck quickly," he noted.

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13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

HELP WANTED. Didsbury Meat Processing. Meat wrapper. No experience necessary. Starting wage \$8.50. Part time. Tues., Thurs., Fri. 335-3848. 43-21

ARE YOU a medical professional looking to be self-employed on a part-time basis? If so, opportunities are available for RN's, Lab Tech's & Lab Assistants within the Didsbury/Olds & surrounding area. A national private health organization is seeking people to complete mobile medical work. We are looking for organized and motivated individuals. Applicants must have venipuncture experience, a current registration within their professional organization and their own reliable vehicle. Computer/internet experience also an asset. Quality Underwriting: #220, 1210-8 St. SW., Calgary, Alberta; T2R 1L3. Or fax to: 1-888-866-0338. 43-21

DRYWALLERS: DRYWALLERS and Insulators required for Didsbury condo. Call 780-446-0219 and 780-435-8022. 44-61

THE ST. PAUL Co-op requires a baker or baker's helper. Experience preferred, training is available to the right individual. Contact Harold Poulin 780-645-3351. Fax 780-645-3270. St. Paul is 2 hours N.E. of Edmonton, population of 5,000. All services. awna

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LUSCAR LTD., Boundary Dam Mine-Bienfait Mine is a well established coal mining company currently operating two surface mines in Southern Saskatchewan. The Mines are a subsidiary of Luscar Ltd., a diversified coal mining company with operations in Saskatchewan and Alberta and extensive reserves throughout Western Canada. We currently have a challenging position available for a Journeyman Electrician. Applicants must possess an Interprovincial or Saskatchewan Journeyman Electrician Certificate. Experience in the mining industry would be an asset. The successful candidate will be required to hold a valid 3A licence and must successfully complete training in the operation of overhead cranes and boom trucks. This position requires the incumbent to work shift work. We offer an attractive compensation and benefits package. If you are interested, please forward resume by March 10, 2003, in strict confidence to: Manager, Human Resources, Luscar Ltd., Boundary Dam Mine-Bienfait Mine, P.O. Box 3000, Estevan, SK, S4A 2W2. Fax 306-634-7058. awna

CAMPBELL DODGE CHRYSLER in Fairview, Alberta is seeking to fill two full-time positions in our vehicle sales department. We require a Vehicle Sales Person and a Finance Office Manager. Both of these positions require someone with lots of enthusiasm and drive. Ability to work in a team environment is a must. We are a fast-growing Five Star Dealership and are offering excellent wages, benefits and working conditions. For more information please call Robin at 780-835-2415 or send resume to 780-835-3551 fax or email to: autos@campbellchrysler.ca. Campbell Dodge Chrysler Ltd., Fairview. awna
JOURNEYMAN PIPEFITTERS, labourers, equipment operators, and Class I driver with experience in equipment hauling required. Fax resume to Grant Energy Maintenance, High Prairie, Alberta, 780-523-2758. awna

13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

HORSEBACK OUTFITTING COMPANY hiring guides, cooks, packers, carriage drivers and retail salespeople. Horse experience necessary. Must be available until Oct. 1. Personal interviews. Warner Guiding & Outfitting, Banff National Park; www.horseback.com. Phone 403-762-4551. Fax 403-762-8130. Email: muleman@telusplanet.net. awna
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REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY journeyman machinist and welder for expanding business with competitive wages and benefit package. Fax resume with references to: Northwest Machine & Welding, High Prairie, Alberta, 780-523-4949. awna

SENIORS. 25 year old company looking for commission sales people. Farm and/or business background definite asset. Territories available from Innisfail to the American border. Call Bill Serediuk 403-947-2427. awna

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, Inuvik, NT. Extensive accounting experience and designation preferred. Computer proficiency in a Microsoft environment. Competitive salary and benefits package offered. Closing date March 5, 2003. Contact the Town Office 867-777-8600. awna

NELSON RIVER CONSTRUCTION, a Winnipeg based construction company is currently seeking an experienced screed operator for asphalt paver. Position requires travel. Forward resume to: 101 Dawson Road, Winnipeg, MB, R2J 0S6. Attention: Darcy Corkal. Fax 204-237-8337. Email: admin@nelsonriver.com. Only those considered for employment will be contacted. awna

LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE requires two positions filled for 2003 season. Superintendent and Clubhouse Manager. Resumes to: Box 182, Eaglesham, AB, T0H 1H0. Fax 780-359-2292. Phone 780-359-2035. awna

BULL HAULERS. Owner/operators and drivers needed to haul livestock. 2 years driving experience. Ralor Trucking (1998) Ltd., (Adventure Livestock Ltd.) Robby Glenn 1-800-988-4436. awna
COMPOSITOR/GRAPHIC artist required for new community newspaper in North-east Alberta. Must possess strong knowledge of Macintosh computers including Quark Xpress, Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. Competitive wages. Send resume and clippings: c/o Meridian Booster, 5714 - 44 St., Lloydminster, AB, T9V 0B6. Box 240. awna

CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANT. Full-time/part-time. Must be able to work with others and provide quality care. Excellent communication skills. Fax 403-362-0225, Dr. Lo. awna
CONTRACT PASTURE MANAGER for Thorhild Grazing Reserve. Contractor must provide labour, horses and equipment necessary to manage 1600 cow/calf pairs. For information contact 780-942-2291. awna

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17 FEED AND SEED

HEATED OR DAMAGED grain wanted. Flax, canola, wheat, barley, etc. Competitive pricing on all feed grains. Bow Valley Trading and Export 1-877-641-2798. 40 years experience. awna
ROUND HAY BALES for sale, cheap. Free delivery. Self-unloading. Also small squares, \$5. Wanted: Dodge diesel truck. No Sunday calls please. 403-843-6380. awna

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18 FOR RENT

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4 BEDROOM HOUSE, 2 baths, fridge, stove, dishwasher, closet to school, fenced backyard. Available Mar. 1, 2003. \$800/mo. + util. 556-1931. 44-21

LARGE TOTALLY renovated 3 bedroom townhouse with 2 baths located close to downtown and schools. New kitchen cabinets and all appliances including dishwasher plus washer/dryer. \$595/mo. + util. Prefer no pets. 403-714-3477. 45-41

SPACIOUS 3 bedroom apartments, approx. 1100 sq. ft. Separate entrance, 1 1/2 bathrooms. \$530/mo. + util. Available immediately. No pets. Contact Brian 1-403-348-6594. 43-21

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26 LIVESTOCK FOR SALE

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28 MANUFACTURED HOMES

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29 MISCELLANEOUS

CALLING ALL Carpoolers. Looking for people interested in carpooling to downtown Calgary. If interested call Jodi 335-2837. 43-21

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33 PERSONALS

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33 PERSONALS

DIVORCE SURVIVAL STRATEGIES. Before spending large sums on legal fees, call The Family Law Centre to understand your rights and obligations. Our lawyers will present you with your options and offer smart and proven strategies to help reduce your legal fees, safeguard your assets and defend your child custody and access rights. Don't be a victim! "Separate smart". Toll free 1-866-879-3529. awna

35 REAL ESTATE

HOUSE FOR sale by owner. 2134 - 24 Ave. 1,125 sq. ft., 3 + 1 bedroom, hardwood, fridge, stove, dishwasher, woodstove. Detached garage, 2 sheds, mature landscape, excellent location. Call to view. 335-3788. 44-21

1287 SQ. FT. 3 bedroom bungalow nestled in quiet cul-de-sac. Close to downtown & schools. Upgraded carpet & lino, jacuzzi tub, fireplace. Fully developed basement with 1 bedroom, full bath, and airtight woodburning stove in family room. 24 X 24 detached garage, great backyard & garden space. For appointment to view phone 335-4001 or 335-3125. 43-51

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161 ACRES 31 miles West Grande Prairie, 3 bedroom house, good water, 95 acres hay, shop, barn, hay sheds, airplane hanger, corrals, waterers, adjoining quarters. Phone 780-354-8817. awna

36 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

CASH PAID immediately for used cars, trucks and RV's. Call Southside's Auto or RV sales department 1-800-662-7176, 403-346-5577, Southside Dodge Chrysler Jeep & RV Sales. awna

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38 RENTALS WANTED

A FAMILY of 4 looking for a house to rent or rent to buy for June. Reasonable rate. 1-403-443-5277. 45-51

39 SERVICES



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42 TRAVEL

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44 WANTED

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That decision is an outrage.

Child Pornography is Child Abuse. It must be stopped.

Tell the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice, and your MP that Canada must act now to outlaw all child pornography.

WRITE, EMAIL OR CALL NOW:

The Right Hon. Jean Chrétien
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington St.
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A3

Phone: 613.992.4211
Fax: 613.941.6900
Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

The Hon. Martin Cauchon
Minister of Justice
Justice Building, 284 Wellington St.
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H8

Phone: 613.992.4621
Fax: 613.990.7255
Email: Cauchon.M@parl.gc.ca

To identify your MP, contact Reference Canada at 1-800-667-3355

To learn more visit www.familyfacts.ca for information on this campaign or call **Focus on the Family** at 1-800-661-9800.



Focus on the Family is a charitable organization which supports, encourages and strengthens the Canadian family.

The Program

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EVENTS



DIDSBURY

Bus Trip

Fri. Feb. 28, 2003 to Cash Casino. Cost \$10.00. Bus leaves 5-0 Club at 10:00. Please call Bea, 335-3058 or Gen, 335-3449.

Knox United Church

World Day of Prayer on March 7 at 2 p.m. at Knox United Church.

Photography

A group of photo enthusiasts have started a photo club which meets the first Wed. of the month. If you are interested call Carla at 556-7510 or Richard at 335-3301 between 9 and 5.

DIDSBURY

W.H.O.A.S.

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 7 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

CARSTAIRS

Movie Night

"The Climb" - a Billy Graham movie on Friday, Feb. 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Carstairs Community Hall. Admission is free. For more info call 337-2084.

WESTERDALE

Meeting

Westerdale Community Association Annual meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Westerdale Hall. Everyone welcome.

CREMONA

Group

The Cremona Parent & Tots Group is going strong and we would like you to join us! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Cremona Congregational Church Basement. For more info contact Doreen at 637-0182.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7-8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

DIDSBURY

COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing their weight. For more info about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today, 1-866-444-7682.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Winter hours: Saturday: 1-5 p.m., special occasions, & anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Dale Weiss at 335-4726 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILIES

Resource Association Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting- Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7-8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

DIDSBURY

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

A.A.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-2388 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge#21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

We are now accepting registrations into an educational and social program for children 3 to 5 years old. The new 2 1/2 hour classes will operate Tues./Thurs. mornings, starting Tues. Feb. 25/03. For more info. or register your child please call Cherie 335-8818 or 335-8039.

DIDSBURY-DIAL-A-BUS

Scheduled transportation for anyone on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9-3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

DIDSBURY

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Fri. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, or 337-3762.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Wednesdays. For more information call 638-3277 or 335-9787.

DRUMHELLER

SUPPORT GROUP

The Compassionate Friends is a self help supportive group offering friendship and understanding to parents who have experienced the death of a child. Meetings are held the last Thurs. of each month (except Dec.) at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room #3 of the Drumheller Hospital. For more info call Shirley 823-3001 or Linda 823-4565.

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"Red Eye" Bonspiel was fun for all participants

by Curtis Mousseau

What a great time everyone had, all are looking forward to the dates next year. Taking home the prizes were:

A Event

1. Mark Sheehan, Clint Magnus, Wes & Pam Thomas 2. Greg Reese, Bonnie Monteith, Barry & Simone Reese 3.

George van Vliet, Mitch Rauhala, Bryn Jones, Vern Hancock 4. Vance & Edna van Dam, Keith & Laurel Mullen

B Event

1. Ben Misener, Nathan Brander, Justin Patten, Cody Atkinson. 2. Mike Taylor, Keith Evans, Dwayne Fulton, Robert Gordon 3. Jenny Dodman, Terry Stevenson, Paul Bernier, Mike O'Dell 4.

Stan Laveck, Joanne Tennant, Larry Tennant, Yvonne Laveck

C Event

1. Jim & Bev Wilson, Ray & Arleen Herrick 2. Greg & Wendy Morrow, Dennis & Melanie Thom 3. Curtis & Lana Mousseau, Maddy Artindale, Todd Hnatiuk 4. Rick & Dean Mousseau, Dale McRae, Aimee Hunter

D Event 1. Carson Schultz, Jordan Lunt, Kyle Couture, Mike Monteith 2. Doug & Lorraine Weigum, Bruce Smith, Cheryl May 3. Ric Phillips Jr., Heather & Jillian Fleming, Michelle Stinson. 4. Sharon Fulkerth, Norm Foshaug, Shirley Leaver & Shane Munt
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